

**SPRAY-DRIED COMPOSITIONS  
AND METHOD FOR THEIR PREPARATION**

**Abstract**

5           The invention relates to a spray-dried composition comprising an active  
ingredient dispersed in a carrier comprising a combination of a wall-forming  
carbohydrate material with from 1 to 30% by weight of agar agar relative to the dried  
weight of the composition. The composition of the invention provides advantageous  
behavior in an aqueous environment wherein the mobility of the active agent is  
10 restricted in the gelled carrier, thus preventing the release of the agent unless shear or  
heat are applied. Another feature of the invention is a process for the preparation of the  
spray-dried composition.